



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

**UPDATE OF FURTHER MEASURES UNDERTAKEN
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROAD MAP FOR VISA LIBERALIZATION**

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BLOCK 2 Illegal migration, including readmission

Border management (benchmarks 6-9)

- **Implementation of the Law on Border control**
 - Bylaw on a form and contents of signs and other signalization for marking border crossing point and its area, as well as a manner for setting up these signs and signalization (Article 18 of the Law) is adopted by the Council of Ministers at its session on March 4, 2010. Bylaw will come into force after publishing in Official Gazette.
 - Bylaw on manner of conducting the control of transfer of weapons and ammunition across the state border by police officers of Border Police of Bosnia and Herzegovina and customs officers (Article 56 of the Law) is adopted by the Minister of Transport and Communication on February 02, 2010. Bylaw is published in Official Gazette No. 17/2010 and will come into force on March 15, 2010.

BLOCK 3 Public order and security

General/Overall policy on preventing and fighting organized crime and terrorism

(Benchmarks 19, 24)

- **Effective investigations, indictments and convictions against organized crime**

Bellow are listed some of the examples of the cooperation and collaboration of Law Enforcement Agencies through exchange of intelligence and information and common operations which resulted in effective investigations, indictments and convictions against organized crime during period October 200 – February 2010.

Follow up to FMOI operation “Medusa” – On 2 October, as a continuation of the operation “Medusa” aimed at drug trafficking, FMOI officers arrested and interviewed a person suspected of laundering the money originating from drug trafficking of the targeted group. The suspect cooperated with the police and provided an incriminating statement saying that he was exchanging large amounts of money into Euros every week for the main suspect and another member of the group who is also suspected of being one of the ring leaders. Searches were

conducted at the suspect's residence and vehicle. In these searches, the police seized the value of 13,000 KM in different currencies. Also on 2 October, FMOI officers arrested another person in connection with the operation who is suspected of being involved in street level drug trafficking and who was abroad at the time when the operation was conducted.

Background: On 14 September, FMOI officers conducted an operation in Canton 7 aimed at drug trafficking. The operation was also simultaneously conducted in Trebinje area where PSC Trebinje searched six locations in Trebinje and Gacko and arrested four persons. During the search at nine locations in the Mostar area, FMOI officers seized 2 kg of heroin (some weapons were also seized) and arrested eight persons, among them the main suspect. The arrested persons are allegedly part of an organized crime group involved in drug trafficking in BiH, mostly in the Federation. EUPM has monitored and assisted in this investigation from the beginning and commends professional cooperation between LEAs. This was a challenging investigation/operation into organized crime, and was also approved by EU ESDP Coordination Board as a Main Target (MT).

SIPA operations in Zenica (Canton 4) – On 9 October, based upon an order issued by the BiH State Prosecutor, SIPA CID officers assisted by SIPA SSU, conducted an operation in Zenica aimed at drug trafficking. Several locations were searched and 6,2 kg of drug resembling speed was seized. The street value of the seized drugs is approximately 150,000 KM (75,000 Euros). Two suspects were arrested and handed over to the State Prosecutor's Office for further proceedings. 30 days detention has been ordered for the suspects. EUPM were involved from the planning stage of this operation and were deployed in the field.

On 20 October, Zenica police searched the house and other premises in Zenica and during the search, the police found and seized 2, 2 kg of drug resembling *Speed* and a small quantity of substance resembling marijuana. An improvised laboratory for production and cultivation of drugs was also discovered during the search. The equipment in the improvised laboratory proved that the suspect/s knew how to cultivate marijuana. The suspect was arrested and possible connection to the operation conducted by SIPA on 9 October will be investigated.

Operation targeting car thieves - On 15 October PSC Eastern Sarajevo Crime Police Sector assisted by PS Eastern Sarajevo, Support Units Foca and Eastern Sarajevo conducted an operation aimed at car thefts. Eight locations in Lukavica, Vojkovici including one location in Canton 9 (Sarajevo) were searched and seven persons were arrested. The arrestees are suspected of being members of an organized crime group involved in car thefts mainly in Canton 9 and Eastern Sarajevo. During the searches, the police found and seized tools used for car thefts, a car decoder and two lock breakers, a pistol, a certain quantity of ammunition, mobile phones, one stolen motor scooter and several car keys. The police also seized three VHF handsets which were, at the time of seizure, tuned to the working frequencies of the RS MoI and Canton 9 MoI and were probably used during the car thefts in order to locate police patrols.

EUPM was timely informed about the operation which followed two car thefts in Sarajevo the weekend before the operation was conducted. Police gathered intelligence which led to the

suspected leader of this organized group who was on prison break at that time when the cars were stolen. The suspected leader of this group is currently serving a 4 year imprisonment for car thefts committed in the past. Once again, an excellent cooperation between PSC Eastern Sarajevo and MoI Canton 9 should be pointed out. Both LEAs collected and shared information and intelligence and jointly performed this operation in a professional and successful manner.

SIPA Mostar seize significant quantity of weapons in Capljina (Canton 7) - On 21 October, following intelligence gathered and an order issued by the BiH Court SIPA Mostar assisted by SIPA SSU officers and Canton 7 police conducted the operation 'Gabela' targeting two men from the area of Capljina, alleged of illegal trafficking of weapons and explosive devices. During search of the suspects' accommodations officers seized 9 automatic and semi-automatic rifles of different caliber, 9 rifle grenades, 2 rocket launchers, 12 different hand grenades, significant quantity of ammunition, some explosives, and approx. 200 grams of marijuana. The dogs for narcotics and explosives were also deployed. Following the decision of the BiH Court, the suspects were released, but they are forbidden to change their place of residence in the next two months and also ordered to report to the police station twice a week. EUPM SIPA monitored the investigation and preparatory activities for the operation from the beginning. EUPM were also present in the field during searches of the suspects' accommodations. The operation was conducted professionally.

Canton 8 (Ljubuski) police investigate extortion - During searches of their houses in early October, police seized a certain quantity of weapons such as pistols, automatic rifles, ammunition, some marijuana, explosives used in construction, as well as several mobile phones with SIM cards. Police also recovered a list with nicknames allotted to the victims from whom the money was extorted and managed to identify some of them. All suspects are known by the police and while three of them belong to an organized crime group the fourth one works separately from them. Nevertheless, all are linked with other groups operating in Cantons 7 and 8 and practicing a tactic of sending a victim from one group to another in order to borrow money so as to be able to pay the debt to the initial moneylenders. Most of the victims identified so far were unwilling to cooperate with the police. EUPM stressed the importance of cooperation between Canton 7 and 8 police in order to exchange information, as well as to apply special investigative measures such as phone interception. The case is closely monitored by EUPM given the indication of organized crime activities.

Canton 7 police investigate drug-related murder in Mostar - During the course of an ongoing investigation of a male body found in Mostar on 13 October the police identified and arrested a suspect alleged of a drug-related murder. The victim belonged to an international organized crime chain dealing with the cocaine. The reason of his visit in Mostar was to buy drugs and the suspect was supposed to help the victim with this purchase. The motive for the murder was material benefit since the victim was in possession of a significant amount of money. The victim was shot dead with a pistol which has not yet been recovered. Police found out that the suspect planned the murder and although he denied to committing the murder, he was put in 30-days

custody. The Prosecutor ordered additional evidence to be obtained. EUPM is closely monitoring the investigation and advised the Canton 7 police to request assistance from Interpol as witnesses from Switzerland, Serbia and Montenegro need to be interviewed.

Trebinje police seize 6 kg of marijuana - On 27 October, PSC Trebinje CID officers seized approx. 6 kg of marijuana ready for the sale, 6 marijuana plants and various items for production of marijuana. The seizure was part of the operation 'Plantation 2009' and it was based on intelligence gathered on a marijuana plantation in the vicinity of the house belonging to a citizen of Trebinje suspected of being involved in criminal activities and identified during the major anti organized crime operation 'Leotar' in 2008. EUPM commends professional and efficient conduct of the Trebinje police.

Canton 8 (Ljubuski) police seize 5 kg of 'skunk' - On 28 October 2009, Canton 8 police seized approx. 5,4 kg of 'skunk' and arrested a person from Trebinje who was transporting the drugs in his car. The suspect has a criminal background and is a well-known by the police for being involved in mostly drug related crimes. EUPM continues to monitor as the seizure was part of a wide-scale operation conducted in co-operation with other BiH LEAs. The seizure is a result of the Canton 8 police recently intensified efforts in the fight against drug).

Operation 'Gradina 3' - On 6 November, as a continuation of operation Gradina 2 and based upon an order issued by the District Court Doboj, assorted units of the RS MoI, Brcko District police and FMoI assisted by Canton 3 (Tuzla), Canton 4 (Zenica) conducted a simultaneous operation 'Gradina 3' aimed at organized crime and drug trafficking. A number of locations in the Republika Srpska, Federation BiH and Brcko District were searched. In total, thirty persons were arrested and a significant quantity of explosives, weapons and drugs were found and seized. The operation demonstrated the ability of the various law enforcement agencies to coordinate a large-scale investigation and achieve successful results.

Background: On 3 August, following a long term investigation, assorted units of the RS MoI officers conducted operation "Gradina 2" aimed at trafficking of drugs and organized crime. A number of locations in Doboj, Derventa, Odzak (Canton 2, Orasje), Brod, Banja Luka, Zvornik, Vlasenica, Sehovici, Sokolac and Sarajevo were searched. Police found and seized 6,6 kg of substance resembling heroin, 2,9 kg of substance resembling marijuana, 2 kg of Skunk and 44 grams of substance resembling cocaine. Also seized were explosives and various types of weapons.

On 4 August, the police submitted charges to the RS Special Prosecutor's office against 18 persons suspected of organized crime and trafficking of drugs.

FMoI's anti terrorism operation - On 5 November, following a long term investigation and intelligence gathered, and based upon an order issued by the State Prosecutor's Office, Federation Ministry of Interior (FMoI) officers conducted an operation against an alleged terrorist group. The police searched four locations in Sarajevo (Canton 9) and Bugojno (Canton

6, Travnik) and seized an automatic rifle, a silencer, pistol, several computers, and a number of mobile phones, photo and video cameras, CDs, DVDs VHS tapes and other material that will be examined. Three suspects were arrested and were handed over to the State Prosecutor's Office for further proceedings. This operation is a continuation of the investigation and operation "Sigurnost" which was conducted on 20 March 2008 when five persons, among them these three suspects, were arrested. They were suspected of planning attacks at religious sites, EUFOR LOT House(s) and possibly a power plant. The investigation is ongoing, closely monitored by EUPM.

SIPA operation in Canton 4 (Zenica) - On 5 November, based upon an order issued by the BiH State Prosecutor, SIPA officers conducted an operation aimed at an alleged organized crime group suspected of drug and weapon trafficking. In total, nine locations in Breza, Zenica, Zepce and Zavidovici municipalities were searched and seven suspects were arrested. During the searches, a number of mobile phones, weapons as well as yet undetermined quantity of drugs were found and seized. EUPM were involved from the planning stage of this operation and were deployed at the field.

SIPA and Indirect Taxation Agency (ITA) operation - On 11 November, following a long term investigation and based upon an order issued by the BiH State Prosecutor's Office, the Indirect Taxation Agency (ITA) and SIPA officers conducted a simultaneous operation in Canton 3 (Tuzla), Canton 4 (Zenica), Canton 7 (Mostar), Canton 8 (Ljubuski) and Canton 9 (Sarajevo) and arrested ten persons alleged of tax evasion and money laundering. During the searches, officers seized various documents related to the investigated crimes, money as well as a significant quantity of goods of undetermined origin (cigarettes and other goods). Thirty days detention has been ordered for six suspects. EUPM were involved from the planning stage of this operation and were deployed in the field.

50 kg of heroin seized in Sarajevo – Following the arrests on 14 January when Canton 9 police arrested two persons from Sarajevo and two from Mostar (Canton 7) for being involved in distribution of drugs, the police conducted several searches in Sarajevo and seized a total of 50 kg of substance resembling heroin. The estimated value of the seized drugs is approx. 1 million Euros. The police also found and seized approx. 25,000 Euro, eight luxury vehicles, 60 cell phones, a machine used for packing of drugs, two digital scales and three pistols.

On 26 January, as a continuation of the operation, MoI Canton 9 officers arrested two brothers and seized 3,5 kg of substance resembling heroin and 0,5 kg of substance resembling cocaine. The arrestees are suspected of being members of an organized crime group involved in the distribution of drugs in the Sarajevo region.

The initial phase of this operation started on 14 December 2009, when one of the suspects, arrested on 14 January, was in possession of 300 grams of heroin. As a continuation of the operation, Canton 9 police and Support Unit officers conducted a drug operation in Sarajevo on 16 December 2009 and seized 3 kg of marijuana and arrested five persons.

EUPM monitored the operation from the planning phase and observed that this is one of the most successful operations of MoI Canton 9, conducted in cooperation with Canton 9 Prosecutor's Office and OSA Agency (BiH Intelligence Agency).

EUPM Assessment: This latest operation conducted by MoI Canton 9 officers represents an additional blow for criminal organizations involved in drug trafficking in Sarajevo and a further confirmation of the level of police professionalism. MoI Canton 9 officers are determined to bust the entire criminal organization.

17 kg of marijuana seized in Canton 6 (Travnik) – On 20 January, following intelligence gathered, FMOI officers assisted by assorted units of MoI Canton 6, stopped and searched a vehicle driven by a person residing in Busovaca municipality (Canton 6). During a thorough vehicle search, the police found 17 kg of substance resembling marijuana. The drugs were hidden in a secret compartment near the fuel tank. The suspect was arrested and handed over to the Cantonal Prosecutor for further processing. EUPM monitored the investigation and will continue to monitor further police activities in relation to this case.

Operation 'Light' - In the early morning hours of 2 February 2010 the Federal Police Administration assisted by several other police agencies from the Federation (Canton 9 and Canton 3 police), and SIPA, Brcko District police, Border Police, the Service for Foreigners Affairs, OSA (BiH Intelligence and Security Service), and the Republika Srpska (RS) Police, initiated *Operation Light* an Intelligence led operation in the area of Gornja Maoca, targeting persons suspected of breaches of article's 156, 157 and 163 of the BiH Criminal Code, which relate to endangering the territorial integrity and constitutional order of BiH and causing religious hatred, division and intolerance.

In total 40 buildings and 31 people were searched during the operation which lasted all day. Seven persons were detained, six were BiH citizens and one Croatian citizen who was dealt with by the Service for Foreigners' Affairs. A number of weapons, 45,000 Euros, documents, computers and other IT and electronic equipment were seized. Some villagers used passive resistance and blocked the road by forming a human barricade. No force was used and the police managed to remove the persons from the street.

EUPM monitored the operation and were present throughout in the operations centre. The coordination and exchange of information throughout the pre-deployment investigative phases were assessed as excellent.

Operation Network - On 2 February, based upon the orders of the respective Courts, assorted units of the RS MoI and Brcko District police commenced an operation code named *Network* aimed at drug trafficking, vehicle thefts and other related crimes. The operation, which is still ongoing, is being carried out throughout the Republika Srpska and Brcko District. The searches at 102 locations have been either completed or are still ongoing and ten suspects have been arrested. During the searches, the police seized 1,2 kg of substance resembling marijuana, 754

grams of substance resembling the drug *Speed*, 44,2 grams of substance resembling heroin, 50 grams of substance resembling cocaine, 339 pills suspected of containing the psychotropic substances, two digital scales, various ammunition and weapons, 15 vehicles, special tools for car thefts and other items originating from committed burglaries.

On 14 February, as a part of the operation *Network 2010*, PSC Banja Luka officers carried out an operation code named *Tranzit* aimed at drug trafficking. The operation was monitored by EUPM. Several locations were searched in the Banja Luka area. During the operation, the police found and seized 1,5 kg of substance resembling heroin and arrested eight persons. 30 days detention has been ordered for three suspects. Also, as part of the operations *Network 2010* and *Tranzit*, on 18/19 February, PSC Doboje officers arrested three drug trafficking suspects and searched six locations. Following intelligence that one of the suspects is hiding drugs in the house of his uncle in Srebrenik area (Canton 3, Tuzla), police obtained a search order issued by the BiH Court and seized 6.2 kg of *skunk*. Police also seized one automatic rifle. As the operation is still ongoing, further information will follow.

Suspect in relation to the murders in Croatia arrested in Banja Luka - On 1 February, based upon an international Interpol warrant issued by the Republic of Croatia, PSC Banja Luka officers arrested G.B. a citizen of Serbia, suspected of being involved in the murder of a prominent newspaper editor and his associate in Zagreb on 23 October 2008 in an explosion (See *MAR 10/08*). The arrestee is a member of a Serbian criminal group and is suspected of committing robberies in Serbia in 2004 and 2005.

6.10.2009. The Court confirmed the Indictment in the **Željko Smoljan et al. (X-K-08/645)** case charging Željko Smoljan and Miodrag Ateljević with the criminal offence of Organized Crime in conjunction with the continued criminal offence of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs while Aleksandar Todorović and Vesko Grubač are charged with the criminal offence of Organized Crime in conjunction with the criminal offence of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs.

9.10.2009. Having accepted the guilty plea of the accused Mario Krešić and Dražan Pavlović, the Court pronounced the Verdict in the **Mario Krešić and Another (X-K-08/641-2)** case finding the accused Krešić and Pavlović guilty of the criminal offence of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs. In that regard, the Court sentenced the accused Krešić to three years of imprisonment and the accused Pavlović to two years and six months of imprisonment

22.10.2009. After the Court reviewed the Plea agreement in the **Fadil Šarić (X-K-07/474)** case concluded between the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and the accused Fadil Šarić, pronounced the Verdict by which the accused Fadil Šarić was found guilty of the criminal offences of: Associating for the Purpose of Perpetration of Criminal Offences and the criminal offence of Smuggling of Persons. In that regard the Court imposed a suspended sentence upon the accused in the duration of one year and six months which shall not be executed if the accused within the period of three years does not commit a new criminal offence.

23.10.2009. Having accepted the Plea agreement in the **Marinko Bašić et al. case (X-K-08/596-2)** the Court pronounced the Verdict by which the accused Marinko Bašić and Daver Morina were found guilty of the criminal offence of Organized Crime in conjunction with the criminal

offence of Smuggling of Persons. In that regard, the Court sentenced Marinko Bašić to one year of imprisonment and Daver Morina to 6 months of imprisonment.

10.11.2009. The Court confirmed the Indictment in the **Dragan Vidović et al. (X-K-09/713-1)** case charging the accused Dragan Vidović, Dragan Banjac and Zdravko Janić with the continued criminal offence of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs.

11.11.2009. The Court confirmed the Indictment in the **Damir Omerbegović (X-K-09/829)** case charging Damir Omerbegović with the continued criminal offence of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs.

12.11.2009. Having deliberated upon and accepted the Statement on the admission of guilt, the Trial Panel of the Section II for Organized Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption of the Court delivered the first-instance Verdict in the **Sabro Ramić (X-K-08/572-5)** case, finding the accused Sabro Ramić guilty of the criminal offence of Organized Crime in conjunction with the criminal offence of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and sentenced him to four years of imprisonment.

13.11.2009. The Court pronounced the Verdict in the **Zejid Šabić (X-K-07/474-11)** case having deliberated upon and accepted the Plea Agreement concluded between the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and the accused Zejid Šabić. Court found the accused Zejid Šabić guilty of the criminal offence of Organized Crime in conjunction with the criminal offences of Smuggling of Persons and Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and imposed upon him a compound sentence in the duration of six years.

16.11.2009. Having deliberated upon and accepted the Agreement on the Admission of Guilt, the Trial Panel of Section II for Organized Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption of the Court delivered the first-instance Verdict in the **Andrea Kogoj (X-K-08/572-4)** case finding the Accused Andrea Kogoj guilty of the criminal offence of Organized Crime in conjunction with the criminal offence of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and sentenced her to one-year of imprisonment. Simultaneously, the Court ordered that the property gain obtained through the commission of the criminal offence shall be seized from the accused.

18.11.2009. The Court pronounced the first-instante Verdict in the **Paško Sušac et al. (KPV-04/07)** case by which the accused Paško Sušac and the legal entity of "Trgovina Lip Trade" d.o.o. Čitluk were found guilty of the criminal offence of Tax Evasion. In that regard the Court imposed upon the accused Paško Sušac a compound sentence in the duration of one year. Simultaneously, as an accessory sentence the Court fined the accused Sušac with the amount of BAM 10.000,00 and the legal entity of „Trgovina Lip Trade“ d.o.o. Čitluk with a BAM 5.000,00fine.

19.11.2009. Having deliberated upon and accepted the Agreement on the Admission of Guilt made between the accused Muhamed Račić and the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, the Court pronounced the firstinstance Verdict in the **Muhamed Račić (X-K-07/474-12)** case finding the accused Muhamed Račić guilty of the criminal offence of Organized Crime in conjunction with the criminal offence of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and imposed upon him a compound

sentence in the duration of eleven months. The Court also fined the accused Račić with the amount of BAM 2.000,00 and terminated the prohibitive measures.

19.11.2009. Having deliberated upon and accepted the Agreement on the Admission of Guilt made between the accused Muhamed Mahmutović and the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, the Court pronounced the first-instance Verdict in the **Muhamed Mahmutović (X-K-07/474-13)** case by which the accused Muhamed Mahmutović was found guilty of the criminal offence of Organized Crime in conjunction with the criminal offences of Associating for the Purpose of the Perpetration of the Criminal Offence, Smuggling of Persons and Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and sentenced him to two years and six months of imprisonment. The Court also fined the accused with the amount of BAM 2.000,00

19.11.2009. . The Court confirmed the Indictment in the **Hamdo Dacić et al. (X-K-09/678)** case charging Haris Zornić, Hamdo Dacić and Acik Can with the criminal offence of Organized Crime in conjunction with the criminal offence of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs while Haris Zornić, Acik Can and the legal entity of „Majorka“ d.o.o. Sarajevo are also charged with the criminal offence of Money Laundering and Acik Can also with the criminal offence under Article 52. of the Canton Sarajevo Weapons Law.

30.11.2009. Having considered and accepted the Statement on the admission of guilt signed by the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and the accused, the Preliminary Hearing Judge of the Section II of the Court delivered a First-instance Verdict in the **Dragan Vidović et al. (X-K-09/713-1)** case finding the accused Dragan Vidović, Dragan Banjac and Zdravko Janić guilty of the continued criminal offence of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs (the CC of BiH). The accused Dragan Vidović and Dragan Banjac were each sentenced to punishment of four years and eight months of imprisonment while the accused Zdravko Janić was sentenced to punishment of one year of imprisonment.

1.12.2009. The Court delivered a Second-instance Verdict in the **Elvir Haračić (X-KŽ-08/631)** case dismissing the appeals and confirming the First-instance Verdict of 30 March 2009 by which the accused Elvir Haračić was found guilty of the criminal offence of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and sentenced to one year and one month of imprisonment.

7.12.2009. On 27 November 2009 the Court confirmed the Indictment in the **Damir Opalić et al. (X-K-06/229)** case charging Damir Opalić, Slobodan Ćurčić and the legal entity of "Omega" d.o.o. with the criminal offence of Tax Evasion while Damir Opalić is also charged with the criminal offence of Money Laundering.

8.12.2009. The Court pronounced a First-instance Verdict in the **Dragan Popović (X-K-08/597)** case, finding the accused Dragan Popović guilty of the criminal offence of Tax Evasion and sentencing him to four years of imprisonment. Within the same Verdict the Court seized a material benefit from the accused in the amount of BAM 758.420,73. The Court also issued a Decision extending prohibitive measures imposed upon the accused which include: ban on leaving the place of residence and regular reporting to the relevant Police Station.

6.1.2010. Court confirmed the Indictment in the **Ranko Peranović et al. (X-K-09/858)** case charging Ranko Peranović, Milorad Zoranović, Ivan Agatić and Zlatan Topčagić with the criminal offence of Organized Crime in conjunction with the criminal offence of Smuggling of Persons while Ranko Peranović is also charged with the continued criminal offence of Fraud, criminal offence of Embezzlement and continued criminal offence of Forging a Document.

7.1.2010. In the **Esad Imširović and Another (X-K-09/865)** case, the Court confirmed the Indictment charging Esad Imširović and Vladimir Mihajlović with the criminal offence of Customs Fraud.

14.1.2010. The Court accepted the Plea agreement in the **Dragan Perišić (X-K-08/638-1)** case and delivered a First-instance Verdict finding Dragan Perišić guilty of the criminal offence of Organized Crime in conjunction with the criminal offence of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and sentencing him to one year and six months of imprisonment. The Court also seized material benefit in the amount of Euro 3000 which the accused Perišić gained by the perpetration of the criminal offence.

20.1.2010. Upon consideration and acceptance of the Plea agreement made between the accused Agan Kadušić and the Prosecutor's Office of BiH, in the **Agan Kadušić (X-K-08/596-3)** case the Court pronounced the Verdict by which the accused Kadušić was found guilty of the criminal offence of Organized Crime in conjunction with the criminal offence of Smuggling of Persons and sentenced to three years of imprisonment.

26.1.2010. Upon consideration and acceptance of the Plea statement of the accused Željko Smoljan, the Court pronounced the Verdict in the **Željko Smoljan (X-K-08/645-1)** case finding the accused Smoljan guilty of the criminal offence of Organized Crime in conjunction with the continued criminal offence of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and sentencing him to four years of imprisonment. The Court seized from the accused material benefit gained by the perpetration of the criminal offence in the amount of EURO 10.575,00 and BAM 61,00.

28.1.2010. The Trial Panel of the Court pronounced the First-instance Verdict in the **Pero Tokalić et al. (KPV-01/09)** case finding the accused Luca Tokalić, Pero Tokalić and the legal entity of „Troć promet“ d.o.o. Novi Travnik guilty of the continued criminal offence of Tax Evasion. In that regard the Court sentenced the accused Luca Tokalić to one year of imprisonment, the accused Pero Tokalić to three years of imprisonment while the legal entity was fined with BAM 80.000,00. The Court also seized material benefit gained by the perpetration of the criminal offence in the amount of BAM 1.346.512,82.

28.1.2010. Upon consideration and acceptance of the Plea statement, the Court pronounced the Verdict in the **Mario Jukić (X-K-08/566-2)** case finding the accused Mario Jukić guilty of the criminal offences of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Obstruction of Justice and sentencing him to a compound prison sentence in the duration of six years. The Court also seized

material benefit gained by the perpetration of the criminal offences in the amount of EURO 33.000,00.

2.2.2010. The Trial Panel of the Section II for Organized Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption of the Court pronounced the first-instance Verdict in the **Sead Salihbegović (X-K-07/485)** case by which the accused Sead Salihbegović was found guilty of the criminal offence of Tax Evasion and sentenced to two years of imprisonment. As an accessory punishment the Court fined the accused Salihbegović with BAM 20.000,00. The Court also seized the material benefit from the accused gained by the perpetration of the criminal offence in the amount of BAM 336.588,36.

4.2.2010. The Trial Panel of the Section II for Organized Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption of the Court pronounced the first-instance Verdict in the **Zoran Dereta et al. (X-K-09/778)** case by which Zoran Dereta, Rasim Handanović and Asim Sušić were found guilty of the criminal offence of Associating for the Purpose of the Perpetration of Criminal Offences and the criminal offence of Smuggling of Persons and imposed a compound sentence in the duration of eight months each.

5.2.2010. In the **Milan Vuknić (X-K-09/763-1)** the Court confirmed the Indictment charging the accused Vuknić with the criminal offence of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs.

8.2.2010. Having considered and accepted the Guilty Plea Agreement concluded by the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and the accused Samir Bibić and Ismet Graca the Court delivered the Verdict in the **Samir Bibić (X-K-08/638-2)** and **Ismet Graca (X-K-08/638-3)** cases finding the accused Bibić and Graca guilty of the criminal offence of Organized Crime in conjunction with the continued criminal offence of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs. The accused Samir Bibić and Ismet Graca were imposed prison sentences, more specifically, Samir Bibić was sentenced to three years and six months imprisonment and Ismet Graca was sentenced to one year and six months imprisonment. The Court also confiscated the ill-gotten proceeds from the accused Bibić in the amount of €15.000,00, and from the accused Graca the amount of € 3.000,00.

9.2.2010. Having accepted the Plea agreement made between the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and the accused Vesko Grubač, the Court pronounced the Verdict in the **Vesko Grubač (X-K-08/645-2)** case by which the accused Grubač was found guilty of the criminal offence of Organized Crime in conjunction with the criminal offence of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and sentenced to one year of imprisonment. The Court also issued a Decision on terminating custody of the accused Grubač and releasing him accordingly.

15.2.2010. The Court pronounced the first-instance Verdict in the **Jasmir Kovačević (X-K-07322-1)** case, finding the accused Kovačević guilty of the continued criminal offence of Tax Evasion and the legal entity of "Kiwi" Bugojno guilty of the criminal offence of Tax Evasion. In that regard, the Court sentenced the accused Kovačević to one year of imprisonment while the legal entity of "Kiwi" d.o.o. Bugojno was fined with the amount of BAM 20.000,00. The Court seized the ill-gotten gains from the accused Kovačević in the amount of BAM 104.495,00 which equals the amount of evaded tax.

17.2.2010. The Court confirmed the Indictment in the **Almir Ahmetović (X-K-10/882)** case charging the accused Almir Ahmetović with the criminal offence of Human Trafficking.

17.02.2010. Having considered and accepted the Plea agreement concluded between the Prosecutor's Office of BiH and the accused Milan Vuknić, the Court announced the Verdict in the **Milan Vuknić (X-K-09/763-1)** case finding the accused Vuknić guilty of the criminal offence of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and sentenced him to three years of imprisonment. The Court also ordered the forfeiture of items used for the perpetration of the criminal offence and the forfeiture of illegal gain acquired by the perpetration of the criminal offence, totaling Euro 2,400.00 and BAM 60.00.

17.2.2010. In the **Franjo Ilić and Another (X-K-09/852)** case, at the plea hearing before the Section II for Organized Crime, Economic Crime and Corruption of the Court, the accused Franjo Ilić and Zoran Ikonić pleaded not guilty. Franjo Ilić and Zoran Ikonić are charged with the criminal offence of Accepting Gifts and Other Benefits while Zoran Ikonić is also charged with the criminal offence of Failure to Inform of a Criminal Offence of a Perpetrator.

26.2.2010. The Court pronounced the first-instance Verdict in the **Aleksandar Matković et al. (X-K-08/649-1)** case finding the accused Aleksandar Matković, Duško Jovičić and Vanja Matković guilty of the criminal offence of Counterfeiting of Money. The accused Vanja Matković was also found guilty of the criminal offence under Article 52 of the Canton Sarajevo Weapons Law. In that regard the Court sentenced the accused Aleksandar Matković to four years of imprisonment, Duško Jovičić to two years of imprisonment while the Court imposed a compound sentence upon Vanja Matković in the duration of one year and four months. All of the accused were acquitted of the charge of Organized Crime in conjunction with the criminal offence of Counterfeiting of Money. The accused Aleksandar Matković was also acquitted of the charge of the criminal offence under Article 52 of the Canton Sarajevo Weapons Law while the accused Vanja Matković was acquitted of the charge of Obstruction of Justice. The Court seized the counterfeited banknotes from the accused Duško Jovičić.

26.2.2010. In the **Marinko Čavar (KPV-01/07)** case the Court pronounced the first-instance Verdict by which the accused Marinko Čavar and the legal entities of „Gostuša“ d.o.o. Široki Brijeg and „Agrogostuša“ d.o.o. Široki Brijeg were found guilty of the continued criminal offence of Tax evasion. In that regard the Court imposed a sentence upon the accused Čavar in the duration of 11 months. The Court also fined the accused Čavar with BAM 50.000,00. The Court fined the legal entities of „Gostuša“ d.o.o. Široki Brijeg and „Agrogostuša“ with BAM 10.000,00.

3.3.2010. The Court dispatched the Second-instance Verdict of 11 February 2010 in the **Sabro Ramić (X-K-08/572-5)** case by which the appeal of the accused Sabro Ramić was refused while the appeal of the Prosecutor's Office of BiH was upheld. In that regard the Court modified the First-instance Verdict in the sentencing part; therefore the accused Sabro Ramić was sentenced to five years of imprisonment. Sabro Ramić is accused of the criminal offence of Organized Crime in conjunction with the criminal offence of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs.

Policy on preventing and fighting corruption (benchmarks 23-24)

- **Results in effectively tackling suspected cases of high-level corruption**

Bellow are listed some of the results in effectively tackling suspected cases of high-level corruption which resulted in effective investigations, indictments and convictions against organized crime during period October 200 – February 2010.

Corruption case - On 19 October, FMOI Economy Crime Department submitted to the BiH Prosecutor's Office a criminal report against two persons suspected of requesting more than 2 million KM from a group of investors in order to obtain illegal benefit. The BiH State Prosecutor received the criminal reports against Damir Hadzic, the Major of Novi Grad municipality and Husein Hasibovic, the owner of the company "Butmir" from Sarajevo, due to the suspicion that they committed the criminal act of misuse of office. In April 2009, the President of the Management of "ASA" group submitted a criminal report against several persons with allegations that they had requested bribes from him and other investors for construction of a facility in Sarajevo. Furthermore, there is a reasonable suspicion that the Major of Novi Grad municipality, after investors did not give requested money, overstepped limits of his official position and influenced the failure to adopt changes and amendments to the Urban Planning regulation and thereby he stopped the investment of 350 million KM damaging the municipal budget.

The case is highly important because a municipal official is involved together with an owner of a wealthy constructing company. This case is unique as it is the first time in BiH that a case of bribery of millions of KM was reported to the police and was documented. FMOI Economy Crime Department worked seriously on the case from the very beginning. Different types of Special Investigative Measures have been applied and enforced by OSA (BiH Intelligence Agency).

23.11.2009. Trial Panel of Section II of the Court pronounced the first-instance Verdict in the **Munib Ušanović and Another (X-K-07/481)** case finding the accused Munib Ušanović and Miodrag Kureš guilty of the criminal offence of Tax Evasion in violation of Article 210, Paragraph 2 as read with Paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code of BiH (CC BiH), continued criminal offence of Tax Evasion in violation of Article 273, Paragraph 2 as read with Paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code of the Federation of BiH (CC FBiH) and continued criminal offence of Abuse of Office or Official Authority in violation of Article 383, Paragraph 3 as read with Paragraph 1 of the CC FBiH. The Court sentenced them to a compound sentence of imprisonment for a term of five years each. In addition to the imprisonment, the security measure of Ban on Carrying out a certain Occupation, Activity or Duty as stipulated in Article 73 of the CC BiH was imposed on the accused Munib Ušanović and Miodrag Kureš banning the accused to discharge any executive offices that include the authority to manage and utilize funds and property over the time period of five years as of the day the Verdict becomes final. Concurrently, the Court ordered confiscation of the material gain the Accused acquired through the perpetration of the continued criminal offence of Abuse of Office or Official Authority in the amount of 248,147.00 KM and 42,110.00 EUR respectively.

24.11.2009. The Court confirmed the Indictment in the **Mladen Smiljanić (X-K-07/454-2)** case charging the accused Smiljanić with the criminal offence of Accepting Gifts and Other Benefits and the criminal offence of Abuse of Office or Official Authority

12.1.2010. Court confirmed the Indictment in the **Nikola Šego et al. (X-K-08/511)** case charging the accused Nikola Šego, Mirko Šekara, Enis Ajkunić, Dario Bušić, Radovan Dragaš, Ekrem Spahić and Selim Kopic, all employees of the Ministry of transport and communications, with the criminal offence of Abuse of Office or Official Authority.

13.1.2010. Court confirmed the Indictment in the **Haris Bašić and Another (X-K-09/762)** case charging Haris Bašić and Enis Ajkunić, former Deputy Minister of Transport and Communication and Expert Advisor with that Ministry with the criminal offence of Abuse of Office or Official Authority.

Law enforcement co-operation (benchmarks 28-32)

- **Measures taken to implement the two police laws of 2008, in particular appointment of pending directors**

Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina on its session held on March 09, 2010 after selection procedure conducted by Independent Board, has appointed Director and Deputy Directors of Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina.